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# 1925 Spring Catalogue

of  
Higher Types of Small Fruits and Flowers



Mixed Gladioli

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Grown and For Sale by  
**JOHN L. WILSON**  
Elk City, Kansas

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Everything listed in this catalogue will be delivered prepaid at prices quoted; 6 at dozen rates, 50 at hundred rates. All nursery stock is inspected by authorized State Inspector, and free from disease.

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To My Patrons and Friends:

This brief catalogue is presented with the hope that it will be of service to you in selecting some of the flowers and small fruit plants you will want for planting this spring.

The last season was a very favorable one, and my stock good; all grown on ideal soil, with good cultivation, but nothing pampered or petted or artificially watered. My prices are as low as could be expected for the fine quality of the stock I offer. I believe everything I send out will grow if properly handled after you get it. I guarantee it to be in good condition when received by you, and should anything prove to be not true to name as labeled, I will replace it free of charge or refund the purchase price. You would not ask for a better guarantee. You do not have to figure any express or postage rates on anything listed. Everything delivered to your mail box or express office prepaid at prices quoted.

Six of any variety of all plants or bulbs may be ordered at the rate per dozen, fifty at the rate per hundred.

I wish to thank all my customers for their liberal patronage in the past, and trust I may receive their further orders this year. I also thank those who have spoken good words for my stock to their friends. Please send me the addresses of friends whom you think would be interested in receiving this catalogue.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous year, I am,

Yours very truly,

John L. Wilson.

P. S. My gardens are located just two miles south and two miles west of Elk City, in the heart of the hills. Visitors always welcome. J. L. W.

## Small Fruit.

The small fruit plants I offer are adapted to the needs of every farmer, or to every town or city dweller who has his or her own garden. A large acreage of these plants will generally prove profitable as there is an ever increasing demand for berries, grapes, etc. by those who are not in a position to grow them. The city gardener will find them profitable for the reason that such a large quantity can be grown on so small an area of ground.

### BLACKBERRIES.



Kittatinny. Late, very large, glossy black, sweet and melting, excellent flavor. Strong well rooted plants.

Doz. 50c, 100 \$3.50

✓ Early Harvest. Of good size and quality, not so large as the above but earlier.

Doz. 50c; 100 \$3.50.

### RASPBERRIES.

✓ Cumberland, black. This is one of the best blackcap raspberries. Very productive of large fruit of excellent quality.

Per Doz. 50c; Per 100 \$3.50.

✓ St. Regis, red everbearing. I believe this is more easily grown than most red raspberries, though the fruit is not as large as some, it is quite productive.

Doz. 50c; 100 \$3.50.

### STRAWBERRIES.

✓ Senator Dunlap. Perfect flowering, midseason. The most easily grown midseason berry. A prolific reproducer of plants. Very productive of large berries of good quality and flavor. One of the best for family use and home market. Per 100, \$1.00; 25 at the 100 rate.

### RHUBARB.

Rhubarb or Pieplant is the first vegetable product of the garden in the spring to take the place of fruit. A few hills will supply a family and requires but little attention after established. It should be taken up and divided every three to five years. Plant in clean rich soil, three to four feet apart each way, and cultivate well the first year. Mulch with stable manure in the fall after the ground is frozen. My rhubarb is not grown from seed, but from divisions. It is the large kind with crisp red stalks.

Good divisions.

Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$6.00.

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**Horseradish.** Divided crowns planted one foot apart in spring and cultivated will produce large, white, crisp roots ready for use in the fall. 3 for 10c; Doz. 30c; 100, \$1.75.

### GRAPES.



Concord Grape

The grapes I list are of highest proven merit.

✓ **Concord.** This is the most popular, the most extensively grown, the hardiest of all black grapes. The bunches and berries are large, good quality and handsome. My plants are exceptionally good and well rooted this year.

2 yr. each 15c; Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$10.00.  
1 yr. each 10c; Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$6.00.

✓ **Moores Early.** The best early black grape. Hardy, productive and of excellent quality. Similar to Concord, but earlier.

Good Plants, each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

✓ **Clinton.** This is an old variety of grape, somewhat smaller than Concord, but of better flavor and about two weeks earlier. They make very long vines and are well adapted to use for covering arbors, walls and the like. 1 yr. each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

✓ **Niagra.** The standard hardy white table grape.

Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

### Flowering Bulbs and Plants.

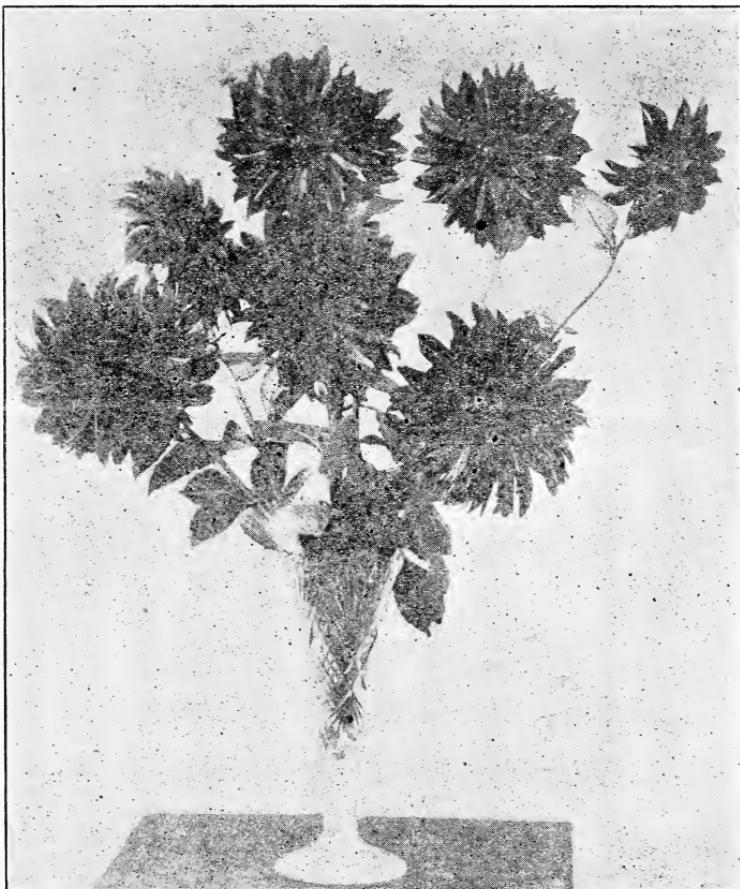
#### CANNAS.

These are among the most popular bedding plants. They will grow in any kind of soil, but require a sunny position. Spade deeply, mixing in thoroughly well decayed manure or commercial fertilizer. Plant after danger of frost is over, one and a half to two feet apart and four to six inches deep.

**The President.** This is recognized as the highest type, the most magnificent, large flowering red canna in existence. Many large bright glowing flowers open at a time on upright stems well above the dark green foliage. Three to four feet high. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

✓ **King Humbert.** The best and largest flowering bronze foliage canna. Very large flowers of bright orange scarlet, borne three to four feet high. The beautiful foliage is dark bronze. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

DAHLIAS.



Mina Burgle.

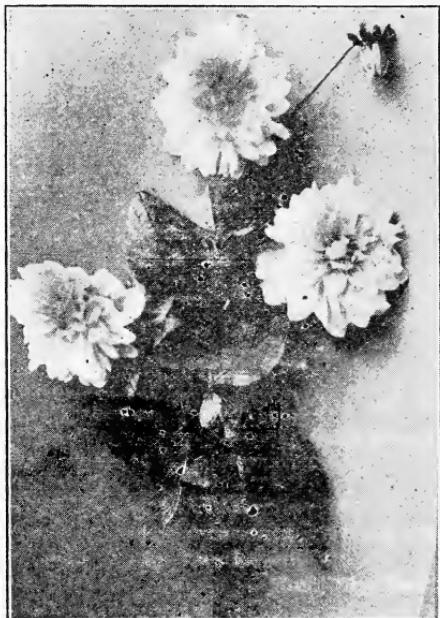
Plant Dahlias in any good garden soil in rows three feet apart, eighteen inches apart in the row, about six inches deep, after danger of frost is past. Lay the tubers down flat with bud looking up, instead of standing them on end. Cultivate thoroughly always, deeply at first, but after the blooms appear, keep only the surface worked so as not to disturb the roots. Pinching the tops of the plants when

there are four leaves on them will induce them to branch at the ground, sending up four main stalks instead of one, and increase the number of flowers, but retard their blooming about two weeks. When the buds appear, pinching out the smaller buds as soon as found will throw more strength into those that remain, producing larger flowers.

Sometimes a plant forms so many little buds and branches that none can develop into flowers. Then you should pinch out a lot of buds and branches, giving what remain a chance to develop.

After they are killed by frost in the fall dig the whole clump together very carefully so as to not break off the tubers. Cut the stalk off, leaving about an inch of it to the clump. Let it dry in the sun a little, (two or three hours) and place upside down in a cool frost-proof cellar till Spring. When dividing the clumps, cut off a part of the old stalk in each division, being careful not to break the tubers off at the neck. The buds do not grow on the body of the tubers, but on the crown or bulging portion where it connects to the old stalk.

The list I offer is not a long one but comprises a few of the best new ones, the largest ones, the prettiest ones and most popular, in a variety of beautiful colors.



Darlene

#### DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

This is the most popular type.

**Darlene** (New). An early flowering, free blooming variety, large flowers of delicate shell-pink, blending to white at centers. Each 35c.

**Dr. Thurman** (New). Large flowers with petals of clear yellow with a blend of copper tints, fine and a free bloomer. Each 30c; Doz. \$3.00.

**Elsie Davidson**. Large deep golden yellow. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.



Jack Rose

**Jack Rose.** Deep crimson. Very popular and a good one. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

**Mina Burgle.** Deep glowing crimson, blooms profusely from early till frost. Large flowers on long stems. One of the very best crimson Dahlias. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

**Oregon Beauty.** This is a very large, ball shaped dahlia of beautiful glowing scarlet. Exceptionally free flowering. Long wiry stems make it unsurpassed for cutting. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

**Dracut Purple.** A fine free flowering, true purple, self colored dahlia. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

**F. A. Walker.** Pale rosalene purple. Large flowers. A popular dahlia. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.

**Souv. de Gustav Doazon.** Beautiful orange-red of gigantic size. This is the largest flowering Dahlia in the world. Full to the center and often measuring eight or nine inches across, and can be forced to twelve inches in diameter. Plant is tall and vigorous, long stiff stems, one of the best. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

**White Swan.** Pure white, ball shaped. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

#### CACTUS TYPE.

**J. H. Jackson.** The finest dark Cactus Dahlia to date. Very dark red, almost black, very large, free bloomer. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

**Cycle.** A beautiful red, medium flowers, free bloomer. A good cactus dahlia. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

#### SHOW AND FANCY DAHLIAS.

**Miss Helen Hollis.** One of the best deep scarlet show Dahlias to date. Plant is very sturdy and blooms freely. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.

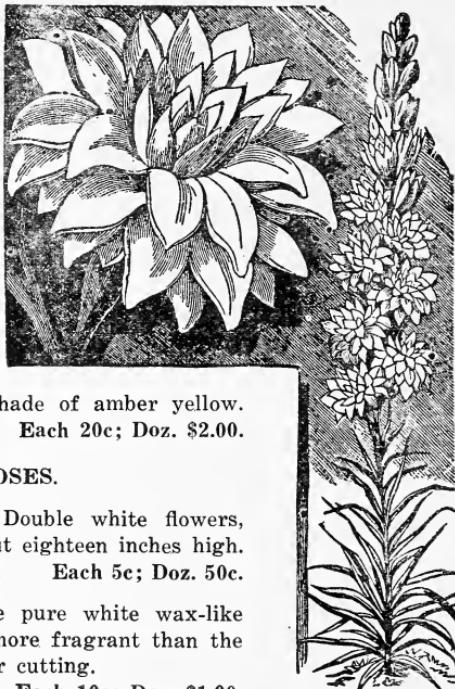
**Tillamook.** A beautiful shade of soft rose-pink. Large round flowers on long stems. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

#### POMPON DAHLIAS.

These are small double flowers, less than two inches in diameter. They bloom more freely than any other class. Fine for bouquets, having long stiff stems.

**Golden Queen.** Pure clear yellow. The best yellow Pompon yet introduced. Each 25c.

**Amber Queen.** A nice shade of amber yellow. Profuse bloomer. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.



#### TUBEROSES.

**Dwarf Excelsior Pearl.** Double white flowers, borne on a spike about eighteen inches high. Wonderfully fragrant. Each 5c; Doz. 50c.

**Mexican Single.** Delicate pure white wax-like single flowers, even more fragrant than the double ones. Fine for cutting. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

Dwarf Excelsior  
Pearl Tuberose.

HARDY PHLOX.



Hardy Phlox.

One of the most beautiful perennial flowers. I can recommend the following kinds. If you have no perennial Phlox, you should surely order some as it will please you for many years after once planted.

**Jeanne d'Arc.** Pure white, very fine late variety.

**Champs Elysee.** Rich crimson.

**Coquelicot.** Fine scarlet with deep red eye.

**LaVague.** Pure mauve, with red eye.

**Rynstroom.** Lively rose pink.

**Ec'aireur.** Large bright carmine.

**Mrs. Jenkins.** Immense white.

**Any of the above, Each**  
**25c; \$2.50 Doz.**

Six Assorted Phlox, my selection, but not separately labeled, \$1.00.

**Perennial Gaillardia.** Hybrids, mixed colors, seedling plants and divided clumps. **Each 10c.**

**Iris Sibericus.** Blue Siberean Iris has slender grass-like leaves, and slender stalks of lovely dark blue flowers. Thrives well in the edge of a lake or running stream as well as on dry ground.

**Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.**

**Oxalis Bulbs.** Tender perennial for summer flowering edgings, or for winter blooming indoors. A pretty little plant six inches tall.

**3 for 10c; Doz. 30c.**



Lily of the Valley

**Lily of the Valley.** A very hardy perennial suitable for partial shade. Increases rapidly. Very fragrant bell-shaped flowers. **Each 5c; Doz. 50c.**

**Madeira Vine.** A handsome vine which grows twelve or fifteen feet long, and bears clusters of fragrant white flowers. The tuberous roots should be lifted in the fall and kept in the cellar. **Good tubers. Each .5c; Doz. 50c.**

### GLADIOLI.

This is one of the easiest flowers to grow, is sure to bloom, one of the most beautiful, finest for cutting and freest from the attacks of insect pests. If you have no other flowers, you can and should have Gladioli, and no matter how many other flowers you have, you should have Gladioli anyway. They will grow in most any soil, but it should be worked deeply and mixed with well-rotted manure before planting. Never put fresh manure close to any kind of bulbs. Plant after the ground is warm in a trench six inches deep. Set bulbs upright in the trench four to six inches apart. Cover two or three inches deep and as the plants grow fill in around them until the ground is level or they may be ridged a little but not much. Keep the surface well stirred and never allow a crust to form around the plants. The rows may be only a foot apart in good soil but a little more room for cultivation is better.

For bouquets cut the spike as soon as the first blooms are open, leaving a few leaves on the plant to mature the bulb. Every bud will open when kept in the house if the water is changed daily.

When the leaves have died either from maturity or frost, dig the bulbs, cut off the stalks with shears close to bulb. Spread the bulbs out in a dry room for several days until thoroughly dry before packing in a dry frost-proof place for winter. The little bulblets attached to the large ones may be kept and planted, producing blooming size bulbs in one to three years.

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All gladioli listed are nice plump bulbs of blooming size.

Arlon. A large wide open Primulinus Hybrid of light-salmon with red throat. Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.

**Alice Tiplady.** A very large prize-winning Primulinus Hybrid of most beautiful orange-saffron color. Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.

**America.** A beautiful lavender pink, large wax-like flowers. One of the leading commercial varieties. Each 5c; Doz. 50c.

**Augusta.** White with small rose stripes on lower petals. Branching spikes of excellent blooms. Each 5c; Doz. 50c.

**Baron J. Hulot.** One of the best dark blue or violet purple Gladioli. Very pretty. Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.

**Crimson Glow.** Deep scarlet-red, lighter in throat. One of the best scarlets in existence. **Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.**

**Empress of India.** A rich dark red. Large and beautiful.  
Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

**Evelyn Kirtland.** Beautiful rose pink. Large flowers on very tall spikes. Fine. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

**General Joffre.** The improved "War". Scarlet red slightly mottled deeper scarlet. Earlier and better than "War." Spike strong and straight. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

**Golden Measure.** Pure golden yellow with no markings. Many large well-arranged blooms open at once. Has received many prizes. One of the best yellow Glads ever introduced. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.

Halley. Light geranium pink. Large flowers. One of the earliest and very popular. Each 5c; Doz. 50c.

**Kunderdii Glory.** Creamy white. Lower petals buff with purple blotch. Ruffled petals. Each 10c; Doz. 80c.

**Le Marechal Foch.** A very large flower, beautiful shade of light pink. Early. One of the best new Gladioli. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

Louise. An extra large well-opened flower of fine lavender color with  
wine-colored blotch. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

**L'Immaculee.** A pure waxy white without a blemish. Many flowers open at once. Fine for all floral work. Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.

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**Myra.** One of Kunderd's new Primulinus Hybrids of deep salmon over yellow ground. Tall slender stems. A very graceful flower. **Each 20c.**

**Mrs. Dr. Norton.** La France pink with lighter throat. Large flowers of fine quality on strong straight spike. One of the most beautiful Glads. **Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.**

**Mrs. Francis King.** A pretty shade of red. Lower petals marked deeper red, throat lighter. Tall straight spikes of very large flowers. **Each 5c; Doz. 50c.**

**Purple Glory (Ruffled.)** The giant of the Kunderdii Glory race. This is one of a new and higher type of Gladioli originated by A. E. Kunderd. Deep velvety maroon red, with almost black blotches. Beautifully ruffled petals. A magnificent flower. **Each 75c.**

**Rev. Ewbank.** Clear porcelain blue, lower petal's cream with purplish red stripes. One of the best blue Glads. **Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.**

**1910 Rose.** Large pure rose pink, white markings on lower petals. One of the best. **Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.**

**Gladioli in Mixture.** I have a large stock of nice clean plump bulbs of nearly all kinds in hundreds of shades and colors of gladio'i. in mixture, containing some of the finest and best varieties and many beautiful un-named Primulinus Hybrids. Fine blooming size bulbs. **Per Doz. 30c; Per 100, \$2.00.**

## **Flower Seeds.**

The following flowers should be planted on any good garden soil which has previously been plowed or dug deep and thoroughly pulverized. Seed of the harder kinds, such as Poppy, Phlox and Gaillardia, should be planted quite early. The tender annuals as Balsam, Rose Moss, Petunia and Zinnia should not be planted till all danger of frost is past. Cover seeds according to their size, about four times the depth of the diameter of the seed. As the plants grow they should be thinned so as to keep them from crowding each other. Always keep the surface stirred among your flowers and you will keep the weeds down and the soil will retain moisture in time of drouth.

**Amaranthus Abyssinicus.** This is an enormous "Love Lies Bleeding" which I got from Luther Burbank last year. Grows five to six feet tall with drooping tassels of scarlet and gold from one to two feet long. The foliage turns to crimson and yellow in autumn. **Pkt. 10c.**

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**Antirrinum or Snapdragon.** A perennial blooming freely first season from seed. Dwarf, mixed colors in red, pink, yellow and white, twelve to eighteen inches tall. The spikes of large flowers are fine for cutting.

Pkt. 10c.



Balsam Superflora

**Balsam Superflora.** This is a new and higher type of balsam or Touch-Me-Not. The flowers are large, more double, and are out on the tips of the branches above all the leaves. This makes it a very showy and exceptionally beautiful plant. If given plenty of room on good soil it makes a very branching symmetrical growth two to three feet tall, and is literally covered with most double roselike flowers of a pretty shade of red. I have grown many of these flowers each three to four inches across. I had the pleasure of developing this new variety and though I am working on other colors, I have not fully developed them yet, so can offer only one color. Per pkt. of about 100 seeds, 25c.

**Balsam, Double, Mixed Colors.** This is the old familiar garden balsam or Lady's Slipper, but much improved in that all are full double. I do not believe as good a strain as my own is obtainable elsewhere. This mixture contains all shades yet produced in this flower. Various shades of red, pink and purple, cream, pure white and variegated. They are so double that they produce only a few seeds and the supply is limited. Packet 15c.

**Blue Lace Flower.** An annual growing twelve to eighteen inches tall, with graceful lacelike heads of delicate pale blue flowers on good stems, making it excellent for cutting. Blooms from July till frost. Packet 10c.

**Calendula or Pot Marigold.** A very showy free flowering hardy annual, suitable for beds or borders, also for pot culture. Fine for cutting. Double blossoms about two inches across on stiff stems. Colors, orange, golden yellow and lemon. Mixed. Packet 5c.

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**Calliopsis.** An annual two feet high with yellow and brown flowers an inch across on slender graceful stems. Packet 5c.

**Celosia Childsii, Chinese Woolflower.** A tender annual. A type of Celosia Plumosa introduced a few years ago, two to three feet high, large crimson globular heads. Very pretty. Plant in rich soil in May. Requires considerable moisture. Packet 5c.

**Celosia Cristata. Tall Crested Cockscomb.** A tender annual, two to four feet tall. Large and beautiful velvety heads. All varieties of my celosia were much admired by visitors at my gardens last year. Red. Per Packet 10c.

**Tall Crested**, light shades mixed, pink, rose, yellow, etc. Pkt. 15c.

**Centaurea Cyanus. Bachelor's Button or Corn Flower.** A very hardy annual growing about two feet tall, with many flowers about an inch across in purple, blue, pink and white. Re-seeds itself after once grown. Mixed colors, double and single. Packet 5c.

**Centaurea Imperialis. Sweet Sultan. Annual.** This bears very beautiful sweet scented flowers on long strong stems and is excellent for cutting. The colors are purple, rose, crimson, lavender, white and yellow. Mixed. Packet 10c.

**Eschscholtzia. California Poppy.** Hardy Annual. Low spreading growth good for borders or massing. Delicate waxy primrose yellow flowers on graceful stems. Sow seed where flowers are to stand and thin to one foot apart. Packet 5c.

**California Poppy. Burbank's Crimson Flowering.** Same as above but mixed shades of red instead of yellow. Packet 10c.

**Annual Gaillardia.** Hardy annual. Excellent for cut flowers. One to one and a half feet high. Double and single, mixed colors. Packet 5c.

**Perennial Gaillardia. Hardy perennial.** Single yellow flowers, brown centers. Fine for cutting. Will bloom some first year from seed. All Gaillardia blooms profusely from early summer till freezing and resists drouth well. No insect ever attacked it for me. Packet 10c.

**Hibiscus. Mallow.** Hardy perennial, three to four feet tall, bearing white flowers three to five inches across with red centers. This variety grows wild in a few places in Kansas, and is sometimes called Prairie Hibiscus. Packet 10c.

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**Hibiscus, Flower-Of-An-Hour.** This is an uncommon flower as, of the hundreds of people who have visited my gardens, I think not one who noticed it failed to ask what it was. An annual three to six feet tall, bearing large light yellow flowers four to seven inches across with purple centers. The flowers stay open only a few hours in mid-day.

Packet 10c.

**Larkspur.** Hardy annual. An old familiar flower bearing long spikes of purple, blue, pink, white and variegated bloom. Mixed colors double and single.

Packet 5c.

**Minosa Pudica. Sensitive Plant.** Annual, grown mostly as an oddity on account of its closing its leaves and lowering its branches instantly when touched. Some folks declared it "played 'possum", many who saw it asked if it would straighten up again, and how soon. In about three minutes. Similar to our native perennial sensitive rose, but more sensitive and not so thorny.

Packet 10c.

**Mirabilis. Marvel of Peru or Four-O'Clock.** Half hardy perennial, blooming freely first season from seed. Roots may be lifted, kept in cellar, and reset in spring to bloom earlier than from seed. All colors mixed.

Packet 5c.

**Nasturtium. Dwarf Mixed.** Fine for borders and grouping. These grow from six to twelve inches tall, bearing sweet scented flowers on slender stems, from June till frost. The flowers are suitable for vases, and should be kept cut to encourage blooming.

Packet 5c; Oz. 15c.

**Petunia.** These will grow with little attention and bloom profusely all summer, reseed themselves and come again next year. I offer a mixture of all the brightest colors, with no white ones. They are not double, nor the largest in the world, but they are of good size with bright velvety flowers. Mixed colors. Packet 10c.

**Phlox Drummondii.** Very pretty, low growing, spreading hardy annual, free blooming throughout the summer. A grand mixture of all colors.

Packet 5c.

**Poppy, Flanders Field.** These are the poppies that grow wild on the battlefield of Flanders in France. They bear bright red flowers in great profusion, and on damp soil bloom all summer. Very hardy annual which re-seeds the ground after once grown. Pkt. 5c.

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**Tulip Poppy.** The only poppy suitable for cutting. Similar in appearance to yellow California Poppy, but grows more upright with larger flowers on longer stems. Packet 10c.

**Portulaca or Rose Moss.** Annual. Blooms freely from early summer till frost in any old kind of soil. Stands drouth well. Colors, red, yellow, pink, white and striped. Plant very shallow after danger of frost is past. Mixed colors, double and single. Packet 5c.

**Salvia Splendens, Zurich.** One of the finest and earliest varieties of scarlet sage. The flowers are large and dazzling scarlet borne on long spikes in endless profusion through summer and fall. Very bushy, about two feet tall. Packet 15c.

**Salvia Azurea Grandiflora.** Hardy perennial producing large spikes of intense azure blue flowers in autumn. Height, two to three feet. Packet 10c.

**Scabiosa, or Mourning Bride.** Double flowers in many shades of red, lavender and purple, also white, on long slender stems. Excellent for cutting. Mixed. Packet 5c.

**Zinnia.** Annual. My zinnias are hybridized. The double Giant or Collassal type crossed on the double Pompon. Larger than the Pompoms and smaller than the other parent. Long stemmed, very double and all the brightest colors. As fine as the flowers of medium sized Show Dahlias. Packet 5c.

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